

Word Formation: Prefixes (5E)

Prefixes to practice:

co, ex, mini, micro, mis, multi, over, post, re, semi, under, sub

Exercise 1: Write the correct prefix

Write the correct prefix from the box to complete each word.

- _____ operate → work together
- _____ boyfriend → former boyfriend
- _____ market → a very small market
- _____ school → after school
- _____ cook → cook too much
- _____ happy → not happy because of something wrong
- _____ marine → under the sea
- _____ cycle → ride again (or use again)
- _____ way → not the right way
- _____ national → involving many nations
- _____ circle → half a circle
- _____ developed → not developed enough
- _____ hero → a small or less powerful hero

Exercise 2: Match the prefix to its meaning

Choose the correct meaning for each prefix.

Prefix	Meaning
1. micro ____	a. again
2. co ____	b. after something
3. post ____	c. very small
4. mis ____	d. wrongly
5. re ____	e. together
6. over ____	f. too much

Prefix	Meaning
7. under ____	g. not enough
8. multi ____	h. many
9. semi ____	i. half
10. ex ____	j. former
11. sub ____	k. below
12. mini ____	l. small

Exercise 3: Forming New Words

Combine the prefix and the root word to create a new word. Then write the meaning of that word.

Prefix	Root Word	New Word	Meaning
1. re	write	rewrite	Write again
2. ex	president	_____	_____
3. mini	skirt	_____	_____
4. under	estimate	_____	_____
5. multi	task	_____	_____
6. post	war	_____	_____
7. mis	understand	_____	_____
8. co	worker	_____	_____
9. semi	final	_____	_____
10. micro	chip	_____	_____